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## ICE ARRESTS 3 CRIMINAL ALIENS DURING OPERATION FALCON

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and removal officers arrested three criminal aliens in Kansas City, including a Mexican national who is an alleged member of a cocaine trafficking ring in Missouri, during a nationwide fugitive apprehension operation conducted last week.

Operation FALCON (Federal And Local Cops Organized Nationally) was coordinated Apr. 4-10 by the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) combining the resources of federal, state, city and county law enforcement agencies in a joint effort to arrest criminals wanted for crimes of violence.

ICE officers accompanied Operation FALCON teams throughout the Kansas City area last week and arrested three criminal alien fugitives.

Two of those arrested by ICE were fugitive aliens from Honduras residing in Kansas City. Arrested last Wednesday were: Sonia Cardona, 28, who has a larceny arrest, and Jelvir Erazo Del Trancito, 30, who has a criminal history of domestic assault and DUI. Both had defied an immigration judge's deportation order and remained in the U.S. as fugitives, thereby becoming targets for ICE's National Fugitive Operation Program (NFOP).



Angel Jacobi-Arce

Also arrested was Angel Jacobi-Arce, 32, a Mexican national wanted on a felony warrant in western Missouri for distributing cocaine. A team of ICE, USMS and FBI agents visited Jacobi's Georgia Ave. residence in Kansas City April 9 and were told that Jacobi did not live there. A quick-thinking ICE officer told the individual that Jacobi needed to clear up some minor traffic warrants before immigration officials could process his pending green card application. When Jacobi entered the ICE office April 11 to clear up these "traffic" warrants, he was promptly arrested and turned over to ATF.

“ICE was pleased to participate in Operation FALCON with the U.S. Marshals last week,” said Deborah Achim, Chicago’s field office director for Detention and Removal Operations (DRO). “Law enforcement agencies must work together as a unified team to solve the problem of violent crime in our communities. In many cases these criminals are illegal aliens who have no right to remain in the United States; it’s our job to arrest and remove them.” Achim oversees ICE DRO in a six-state area that includes: Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, Kansas and Missouri.

Cardona and De Tracito are currently in ICE custody pending deportation to Honduras. Jacobi-Arce will be turned over to ICE for removal if convicted and sentenced for cocaine trafficking.

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